during 1991-92 and the production targets fixed fro ars as under:-

(In Nos.)

	Actuals during 1991-92	Targets fixed for 1992-93
Two Wheelers	1712	12,000
Three Wheelers	2994	48,000
Fans	95168	60,000

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Scooters India Lmited (SIL) has been referred to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). After getting the recommendations of BIFR, a final decision will be taken as to the future of SIL.

Decrease in price of "wheel" detergent by Hindustan Lever Limited

3156. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Lever Limited has decreased the price of wheel, its low priced detergent, to gradually wipe out the small scale sector from the field;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to such a development; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) It is understood that M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd. has decreased the wrapper prices of its detergent "wheel" from Rs. 4.00 to Rs. 3.60 per cake of 250 gms and from Rs. 2.25 to Rs. 1.80 per cake of 125 gms recently. Its impact on other detergent manufacturers is, however, not known.

(b) and (c) Synthetic Detergent Industry is in the delicensed sector and there is no statutory price control over prices of soaps and detergents.

ग्रामीण उद्योगों के विकास के लिए आवंटन में कटौती

3157. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में इस वर्ष ग्रामीण उद्योगों के विकास के लिए किये जाने वाले धनराशि के आवंटन में कमी की है ;

(ख) यदि, हां तो इस संबंध में कटौती क्या है ;

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रयोजन के लिए आवंटित की गई राशि का वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) चालू वर्ष के दौरान धनराशि के आवंटन में कमी किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०जे० कुरियन) :(क) जी नहीं । 1992-93 के दौरान, खादी एव ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के जरिये इस विभाग द्वारा योजनागत स्कीम के तहत ग्रामीण उद्योगों के लिए 19100 लाख रुपये की राशि आबंटित की गई है। 1991-92 के दौरान बजट प्रावधान भी इसी स्तर पर था । लेकिन बजट प्रावधान के अलावा पुन:-विनियोग द्वारा 200 लाख रुपय आवंटित किये गये

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा खादी एवं ग्रामोद्योग आयोग को ग्रामीण उद्योगों के विकास हेतु पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान आवंटित की गई राशि इस प्रकार है :—

वर्ष	(रु. लाख में)
1989–90 . . .	17500
1990–91 . . .	18600
1991–92	19300

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

appeal by Gene Campaign to risist patent on plants

3158. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gene Campaign has appealed to Government to firmly reject the move by foreign companies to patent our plant varieties and the Genes that give high yield and are disease resistant, as per the newsitem entitled "Appeal to resist patent on plants" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 21st June, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Gene Campaign has appealed to the Government in this regard.

(b) In the negotiating group on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs), under the ongoing Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the developed countries, in general, have been insisting on providing patent protection to inventions relating to living organisms. In the compromise proposal put forward by the Director General of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT), it is provided that member countries may, under certain conditions, exclude plants and animals and essentially biological processes for the production of plants and animals, from patentability. However, micro-organisms and non-biological and micro-biological processes for the production of plants and animals cannot be excluded. It is also provided that this position will be reviewed after four years from the entry into force of the TRIPs agreement.

(c) The patents Act, 1970 does not permit patenting of plants or plant varities. There is no proposal to amend the Act.

Customs duty on imported waste paper

3159. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the All India Small Paper Mills Association to abolish customs duty on imported waste paper;

(b) what is the total requirement of waste paper to the mills and the present supply to them;

(c) what are the other demands made in the representation; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereon and the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Development Council for paper, pulp and allied industries, the following are the projcted demand and availabilty of waste paper:-

(in lakh MT (in lakh MT)

Year	Demand	Indigenous Availability
1990 . . .	4.80	2.80
1995 . . .	7.40	4.9